

In the Specification:

Please make the following changes in the specification paragraph at the indicated location:

Page 4, next to last paragraph (starting at line 23 – not counting spaces between the lines):

In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the bioactive glass is used to preserve cosmetic preparations. Preferred for this purpose is a fine-particle bioactive glass with particle size $d_{50} \leq 5 \mu\text{m}$ and particularly $\leq 2 \mu\text{m}$. Preferred cosmetic preparations are, in particular, creams, make-up compositions, lipsticks as well as lotions and ointments. Preferably no organic preservatives are present in the preparations, especially those that can cause negative application effects, such as cytotoxic and/or allergenic reactions. The moisture contained in these preparations further enhances the microbicidal activity of the bioactive glass.